

February 2
The Meeting of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ
with Simeon and Anna

All page references are to **The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005**

1. *Beginning Prayers, p. 1*
2. *Psalms 103, p. 2 (chant) or p. 6 (melodic)*
3. *Litany of Peace, p. 8*
4. *First Kathisma, p. 10*
5. *Lamplighting Psalms Tone 1 p. 24*
recited verses pp. 24 - 25

Bring my soul out of this prison,
and then I shall praise **your** name.

Around me the just will assemble,
because of your goodness **to** me.

Cantor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; **Psalm 129**
(on 8) Lord hear my voice!

Tone 1

O Simeon, tell us whom you are joyfully carrying in-to the Tem - ple. To
whom are you say - ing: Now you may dis - miss your serv - ant, O Lord,
be - cause my eyes have seen my Sav - ior. He is the child born of the
Vir - gin. He is the Word and God of God. O Lord, who for our sake was
in - car - nate and saved the world, to you we bow down in wor - ship.

Cantor: Let your ears be attentive
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading. *All repeat "O Simeon, tell us..."*

Cantor: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness; for this we revere you.
All repeat "O Simeon, tell us..."

Cantor: My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord, more than watchman for daybreak.

O Sim - e - on, now re - ceive the One whom Mo - ses the lawgiver had foreseen
through the cloud on Si - nai. He has be - come a child and sub - mits him - self
to the Law. This is he who spoke through the Law and whom the proph - ets
fore - told. O Lord, who for our sake was incar - nate and saved the world,
to you we bow down in wor - ship.

Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord. *All repeat "O Simeon, now receive..."*

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. *All repeat "O Simeon, now receive..."*

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations; **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him, all you peoples!

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O faith - ful, come, let us wel - come Christ and re - ceive him with hymns of
 praise and glo - ry. He is the sal - va - tion Sim - e - on has seen.
 He is the One whom Da - vid fore - told, and of whom the proph - ets have spo - ken.
 O Lord, who for our sake was incarnate and in - spired the Law, to you we
 bow down in wor - ship.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
 (on 1) he is faithful forever. *All repeat "O faithful, come..."*

Cantor: Glory...now and ever...

Doxastikon - Tone 6

To - day the gates of heav - en swing o - pen, for the Word of the Father who has no
 be - gin - ning has re - ceived be - gin - ning in time with - out any loss to his
 di - vin - i - ty. As a child of forty days he is offered by a vir - gin Moth - er

in the Tem-ple ac-cord - ing to the Law. The El - der Simeon receives
 him in his arms and cries out: Dis-miss me, O Master, for my eyes have seen your
 sal-va - tion; O Lord, who came in-to the world to save us, glo - ry to you!

- 6. *Hymn of the Evening*, p. 12
- 7. *Prokeimenon of the Day*, p. 114

Readings: Composite V
 Isaiah 6: 1 - 12
 Isaiah 19: 1 - 5, 12, 16, 19 - 21

- 8. *Litany of Fervent Supplication*, p. 13
- 9. *Hymn of Glorification*, p. 14
- 10. *Litany of Supplication*, p. 16

Litija

Tone 4 Bolhar

To-day, the ho - ly Moth - er who is high - er than an - y tem - ple
 has her-self come in - to the Tem - ple to show the world the
 Cre - a - tor and Giv - er of the Law. Sim - e - on the El - der

re-ceives him in his arms; he ven-er-ates him and cries a-loud:
 Now let your serv-ant de-part in peace, for I have seen
 you, the Sav-ior of our souls.

Cantor: Glory...

Litija Doxastikon - Tone 5 Bolhar

Search the Scrip-tures as Christ our God said in the Gos - pels; for in them
 we find him who was born and wrapped in swad-dling clothes,
 the One laid in a man - ger and fed up - on milk, who re-ceived
 cir-cum-ci - sion and was car-ried by Sim - e - on. Not in fan - cy, nor in
 im - ag - in - a - tion, but in ve - ry truth has he ap-peared to the world.

Let us cry out to him: Glo - ry to you, O Pre - e - ter - nal God!

Cantor: Now and ever...

Theotokion

He who is an - cient of days and young in the flesh is be - ing brought

to the Tem - ple by his vir - gin Moth - er. He ful - fills the prom - ise

of his own law. Sim - e - on re - ceives him and says: Now you

may dis - miss your serv - ant, ac - cord - ing to your word, in peace,

for my eyes have seen your sal - va - - - tion, O Lord.

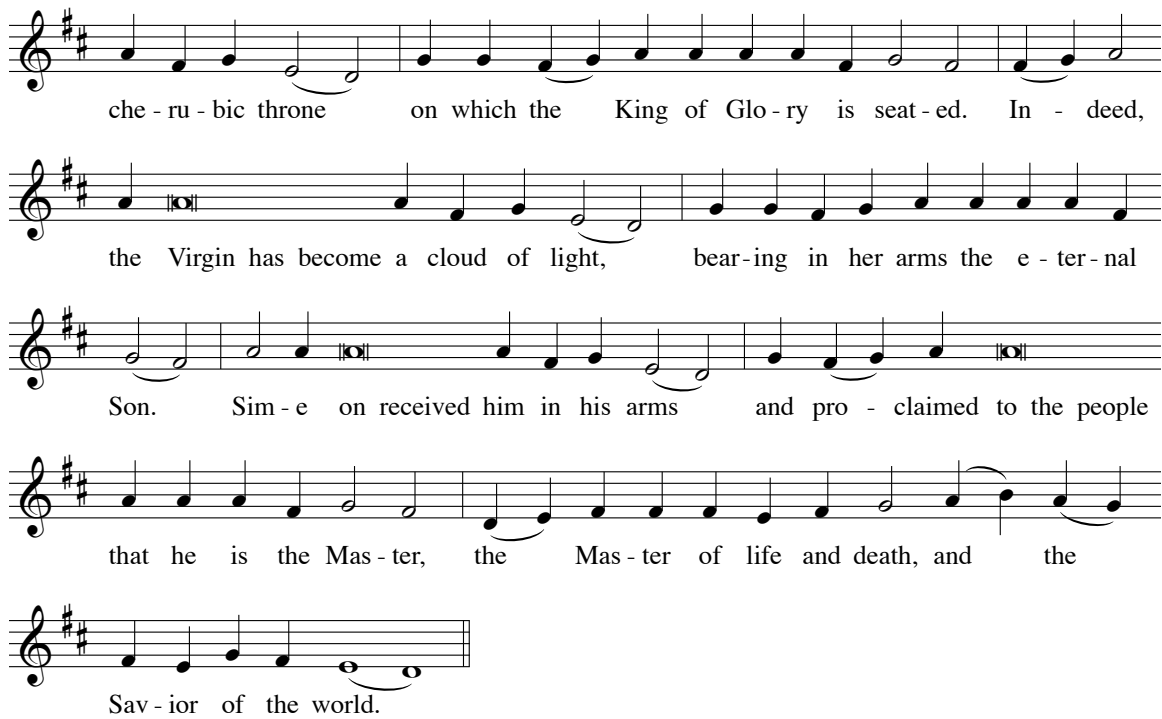
12. Litija Litany, p. 116

Aposticha

Tone 7

A - dorn your brid - al cham - ber, O Zi - on, and wel - come Christ the King.

Wel - come Mar - y, the gate of heav - en, for she has appeared as a



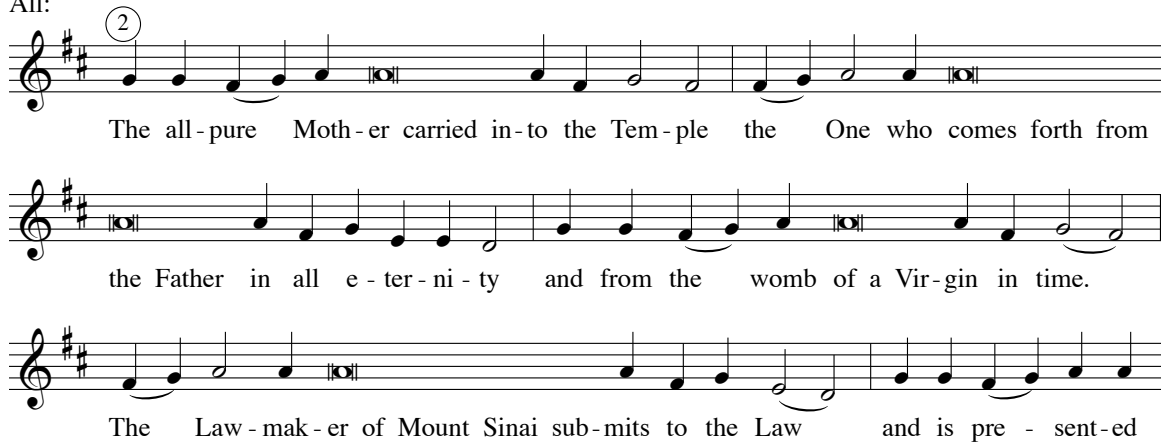
che - ru - bic throne on which the King of Glo - ry is seat - ed. In - deed,
the Virgin has become a cloud of light, bear - ing in her arms the e - ter - nal
Son. Sim - e on received him in his arms and pro - claimed to the people
that he is the Mas - ter, the Mas - ter of life and death, and the
Sav - ior of the world.

Cantor:



Now you may dismiss your servant, O Lord, ac - cord - ing to your word, in peace.

All:



The all - pure Moth - er carried in - to the Tem - ple the One who comes forth from
the Father in all e - ter - ni - ty and from the womb of a Vir - gin in time.
The Law - mak - er of Mount Sinai sub - mits to the Law and is pre - sent - ed

to the elderly and ho - ly one so that he may see the Prom-ised One.

When Sim-eon received him in his arms, he joy-ful-ly cried out:

This is God, co-eternal with the Fa-ther, and the Sav - ior of

our souls.

Cantor:

A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your peo - ple, Is - ra - el.

All:

Mar - y, the Moth - er of God, carried in her arms the Lord who rides the

char - i - ot of the Cher-u-bim and is praised with the hymns of the Ser - a - phim.

He was in-car-nate of her with-out hu-man seed; he is the Law-giver who

fulfills the precepts of the Law. She hand - ed him over into the arms of

the aged priest. Hold-ing the Life in per-son, Sim-e-on asked
 to be delivered of his pres-ent life, say-ing: Dis-miss me now, O Master, that I
 may tell Ad-am how my eyes have seen the e-ter-nal God who was
 made man without under-go-ing change, and who brought a-bout the
 sal-va-tion of the world.

Cantor: Glory...now and ever...

Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 8

He who rides on the Cherubim and is praised by the Ser-a-phim is now be-ing
 brought into the holy Tem-ple ac-cord-ing to the Law. He is sit-ting in the arms
 of an old man as though up-on a throne. From Jo-seph he receives God-pleasing
 gifts, a pair of tur-tle-doves, and from the newly-chosen people of the

Gen-tiles, an un - de - filed Church. The two doves indicate that he is the head of
 the two Testaments, both Old and New. As for Sim - eon, when he saw what had
 been re - vealed come to pass, he re - ceived the child and blessed the vir - gin
 Moth - er of God, point - ing out to her the sufferings that she would bear.
 He asked the Lord to be re - leased from life, say - ing: Now you may dismiss
 me, O Lord, as you have prom - ised; for my eyes have seen you, the
 e - ter - nal Light, the Lord and Savior of all Chris - tian peo - - ple.

14. *Prayer of St. Simeon, p. 19*

15. *Trisagion Prayers, p. 19*

Troparion

Tone 1

Sung once by the priest and twice by the faithful

Re-joyce, The - o - to - kos, Vir - gin full of grace; for from you has shone forth
the Sun of Jus-tice, Christ our God, en-light-en-ing those who are in dark - ness.
Re - joice al - so, you just el - der; you re - ceived in
your arms the liber-a - tor of our souls, who grants us res - ur - rec - tion.

16. *Blessing of Bread and Psalm 33, p, 119*

17. *Dismissal, p. 21*